GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2334
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MISUSE OF NATIONAL EMBLEM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of unauthorized use of Ashok Stambh, the National Emblem, on letter pad, visiting cards, envelopes;

(b) if so, the details and reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the persons, authority, organization etc. authorized to use the National Emblem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a)& (b): Yes Sir. Several instances of misuse of the State Emblem of India have come to the notice of the Government from time to time. These include printing of the State Emblem of India on letter pads, visiting cards, envelopes etc. and in commercial advertisements by unauthorized individuals and organizations. With a view to prohibiting use of State Emblem of India by unauthorized persons and regulating its use by Government functionaries, the Government has decided to bring a legislation on the State Emblem of India and has introduced a Bill in the Lok Sabha, viz. `The State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Bill, 2004.

(c): The use of State Emblem of India is presently governed by a set of executive instructions issued by the Government from time to time. In terms of these instructions, the State Emblem of India can be used:-

(i) in official seals of specified dignitaries and Ministries, departments and offices,

(ii) on government stationery,

(iii) on letter heads of Members of Parliament,

(iv) on vehicles of Rashtrapati Bhawan and Raj Bhawan subject to certain conditions,

(v) on very important public buildings and premises of India`s diplomatic missions abroad,

(vi) on government publication,

(vii) on coins, currencies, postal stamps etc.,

(viii) on medals and sanads instituted by government,

(ix) on invitation cards for State functions,

(x) on representational glassware, crockery, etc. used in Rashtrapati Bhawan/Raj Bhawans/Indian Missions abroad,

(xi) on badges, collars, buttons etc. of uniforms of police, Excise Constabulary etc. and uniforms, badges of armed forces, and

(xii) in school text books, periodicals etc. as pert of the next for the purpose of explaining or illustrating the origin, significance or adoption of the State Emblem.